

# STAFF'S REQUEST ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

06PR0363

Kroger Mid-Atlantic (Kroger Fuel Center)

Clover Hill Magisterial District Northeast Quadrant of Hull Street Road and Hicks Road

**REQUEST**: Site plan approval as required by conditions of zoning.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the applicant request a sixty (60) day deferral of this request for the following reason:

Ordinance requirements for an architecturally significant building and tower element at the northeast corner of the intersection of Hicks Road and Route 360 have not been addressed. Section 19-585.5, paragraph 5, states that the building shall either incorporate, or have adjacent to it, a bell or clock tower or vertical element or the site plan shall provide for dedication of space for construction of this vertical element by others.

The applicant has indicated a desire to dedicate space for the construction of the tower by others. If the applicant submits additional information regarding this requirement prior to the hearing, an addendum may be provided updating staff's recommendation. Reference the background portion of this report for further discussion of this issue.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## Associated Public Hearing Cases:

96SN0228 – Development Options, Inc. and Boney Wilson & Sons, Inc. 97PR0294 – Hannaford Bros. Co.

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# Developer:

Kroger Mid-Atlantic

#### Location:

Fronting approximately sixty-seven (67) feet on the north line of Hull Street Road, also fronting approximately 550 feet on the east side of Hicks Road and located in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of these roads. Tax ID 759-692-2165 (Sheet 11).

## Existing Zoning and Land Use:

C-3; Vacant

Size:

2.3 acres

## Adjacent Zoning and Land Use:

North - C-3; Commercial East - C-3; Residence West - C-3; Residence South - C-2: Commercial

#### BACKGROUND

This site plan is required to be submitted to the Planning Commission for review and approval by condition 13 of case 96SN0228.

#### Route 360 Corridor East Standards:

Compliance with the Route 360 Corridor East, corridor focus standards is required. With the exception of Section 19-585.5, paragraph 5, pertaining to provisions for an architecturally significant building at the northeast corner of the intersection of Hicks Road and Route 360, the applicant has demonstrated compliance with required landscaping, sidewalks, street trees and street lights pursuant to Sec. 19-585.5. Many of these required features were provided with the development of the existing Kroger (Site plan 97PR0294 – Hannaford Bros. Co.). Construction of the proposed Fuel Center will maintain and/or replace existing walks, trees and lights as needed to comply with ordinance standards and to accommodate the new development.

As noted above, the Route 360 corridor east standards require an architecturally significant building with a bell or clock tower or vertical element located at the northeast corner of intersection of Hicks Road and Route 360:

Sec. 19-585.5. Route 360 corridor east: corridor focus; between Hicks Road, Route 360 and the proposed loop road.

(5) At the northeast corner of the intersection of Hicks Road and Route 360, an architecturally significant building shall be constructed. The building shall either incorporate, or have adjacent to it, a bell or clock tower or vertical element that has height of at least 50 feet, or the site plan shall provide for dedication of space for construction of a minimum 50 foot clock or bell tower by others. Such element shall be located within 25 feet of Route 360. There shall be no signs permitted on the tower or vertical element.

In lieu of constructing the vertical element, the applicant may provide for dedication of space for the construction of the clock or bell tower by others. It must be noted that the existing overhead power lines along Route 360 are in conflict with the stipulation that the vertical element be located within 25 feet of Route 360. Also, the narrow configuration of the parcel controlled by the applicant at the intersection of Route 360 and Hicks Road is not conducive to development of the building, tower, and associated site improvements (such as parking and required setbacks). Given the narrow configuration of the parcel and the conflict with overhead power lines, staff would support the dedication of space on this parcel for the vertical element, but in a location that is not in conflict with existing utilities.

## Architecture:

The applicant has submitted architectural elevations with materials and colors specified to match the existing Kroger building. Staff recommends approval of the architectural elevations for the proposed gas canopy and building.

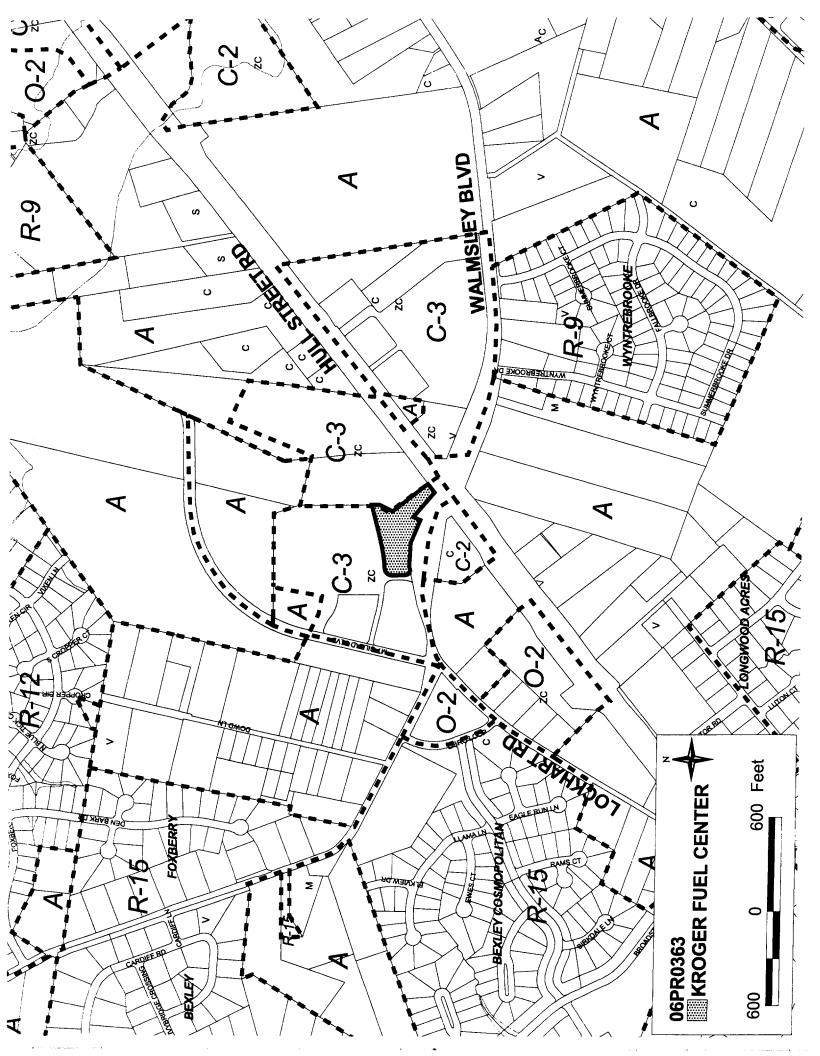
#### CONCLUSIONS

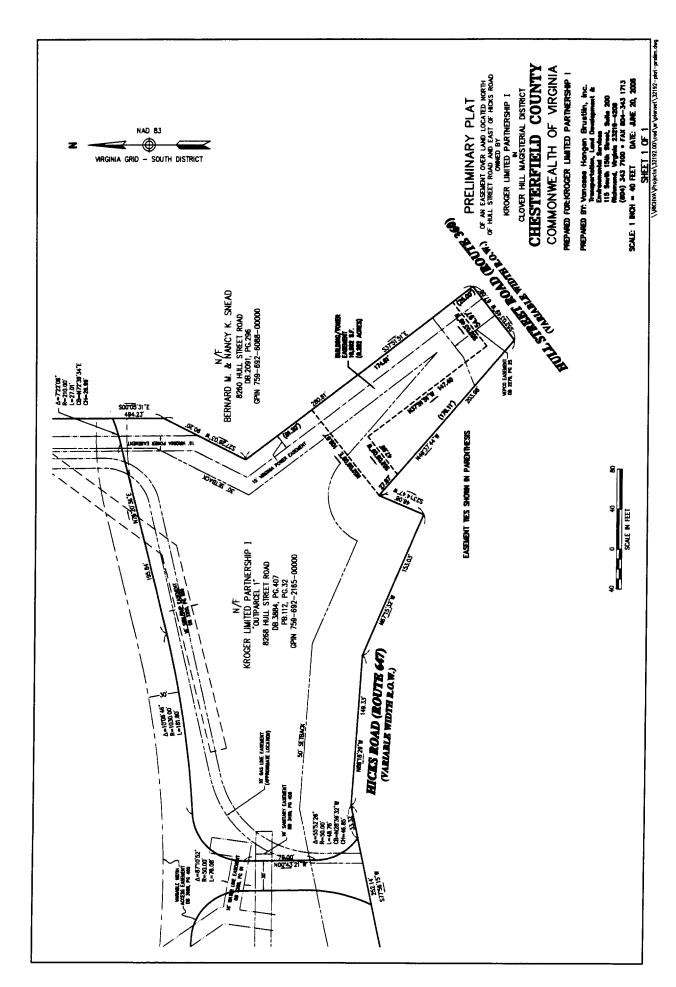
Staff recommends deferral of this request to allow the applicant time to address the outstanding issues noted herein.

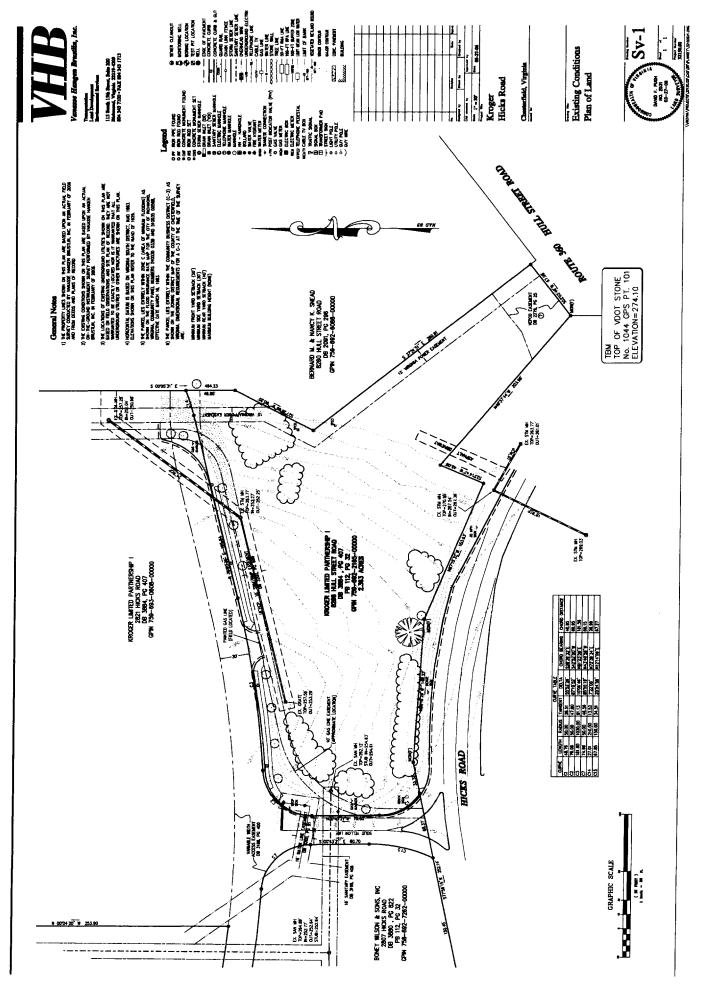
#### CASE HISTORY

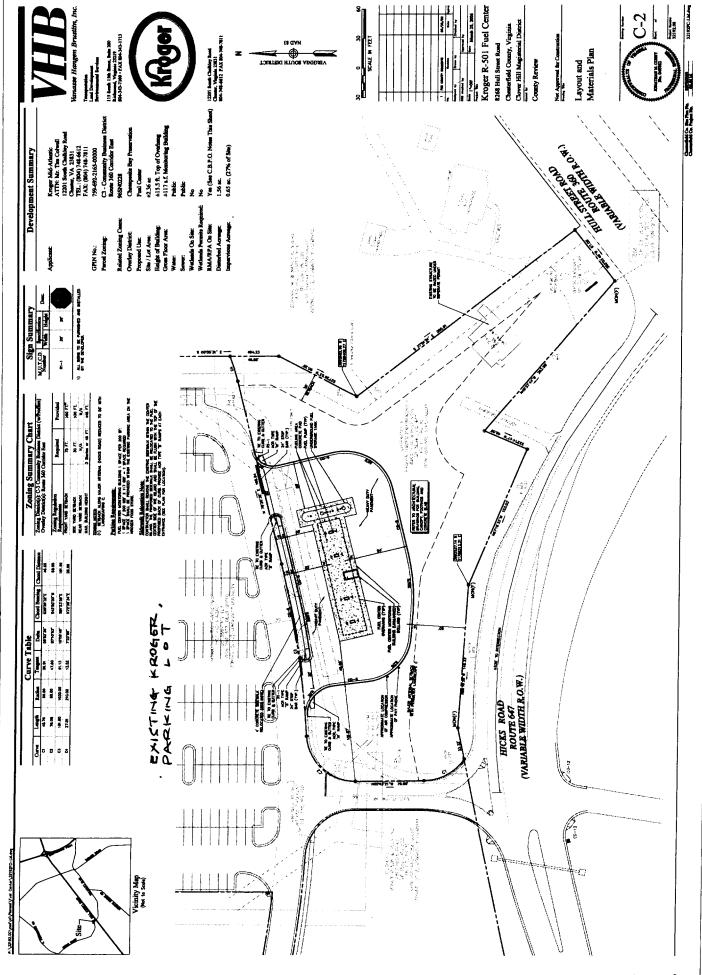
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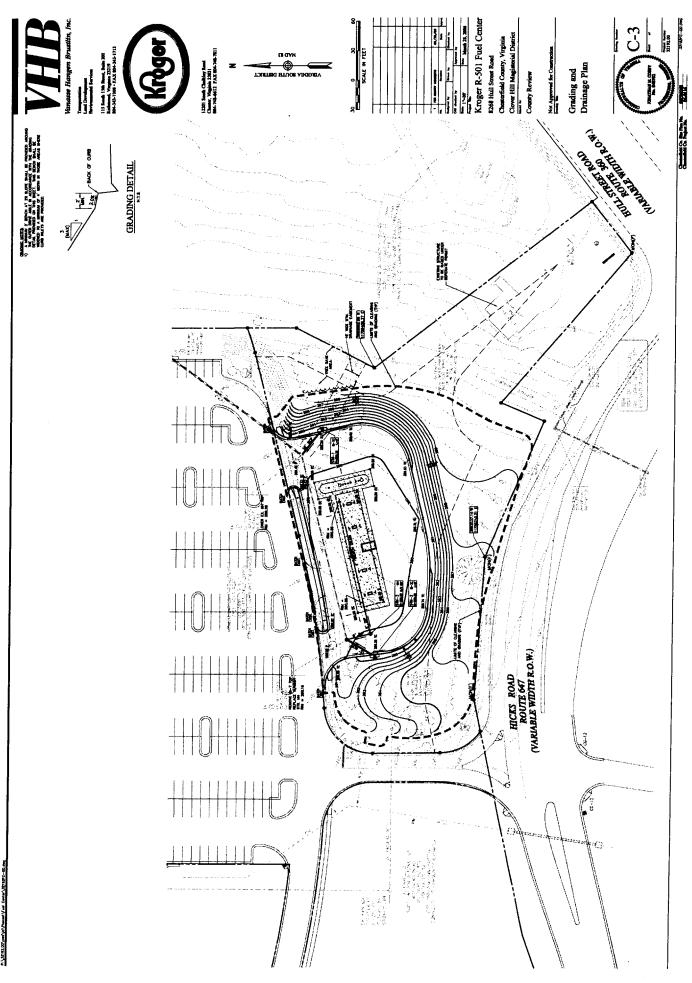
On their own motion, the Commission deferred the request to the July 18, 2006, public hearing.



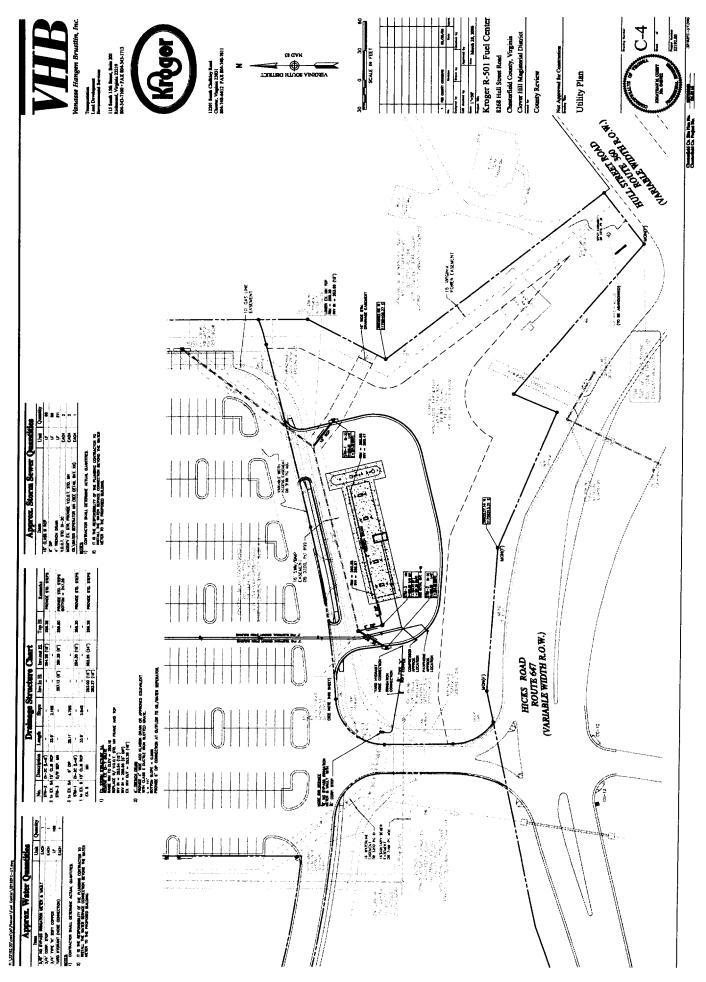




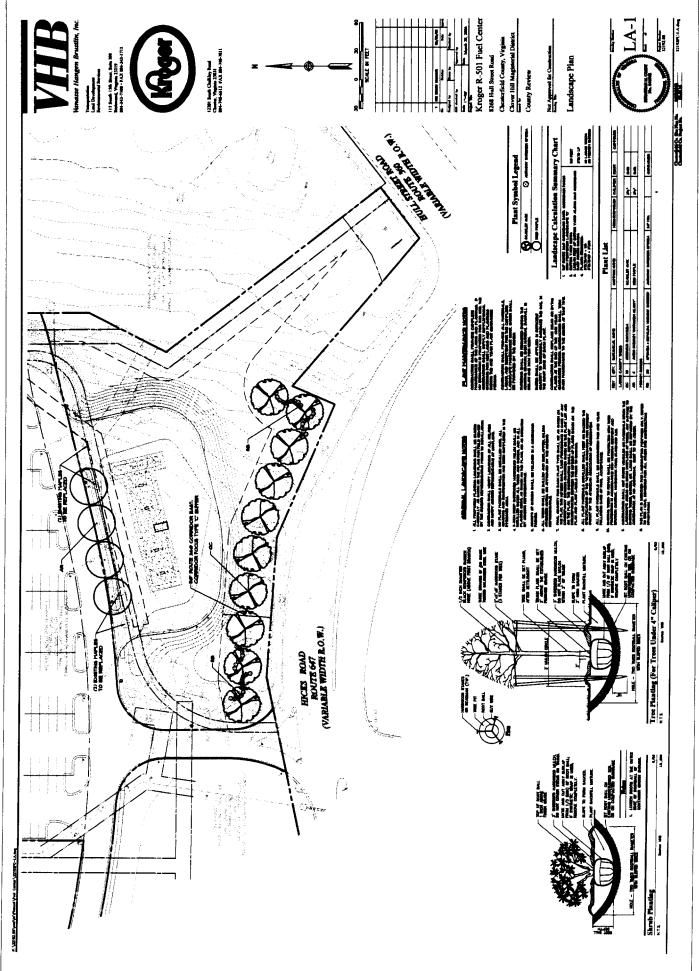




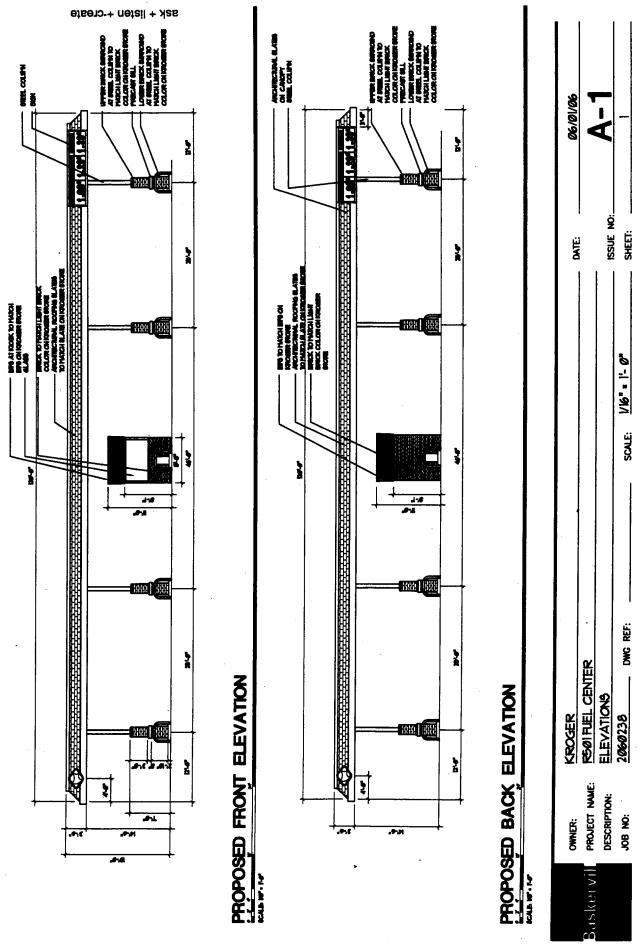
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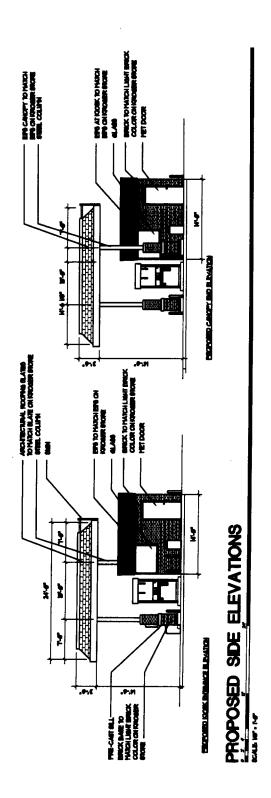


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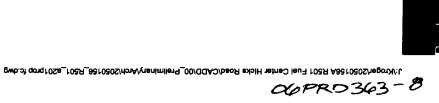


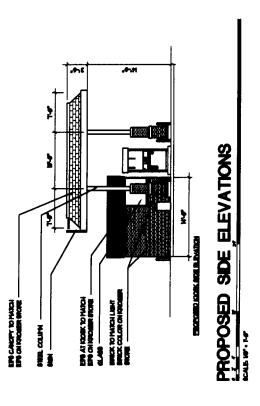
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